### AGED WOMAN TELLS STORY OF A MYSTERIOUS STAR.

Mrs. Mary Aubuchon, 91 Years Old and Blind, Testifies Before Court of Inquiry in Canonization of Father Felix De Andreis—Says That a Star Hovered Over Dead Priest's Bier, and It Was Not Placed There by Human Hands.



MRS. MARY AUBUCHON, Who testified before Court of Inquiry in canonization of Father De Andreis and told of seeing a star over the dead priest's bler.

of Father Felix De Andries, took the testi-mony vesterday of Mary Aubuchon, aged Mrs. Aubuchon has been blind for twenty ny yesterday of Mary Aubuchon, aged 31 years, a Cherokee Indian woman, who lives at 609 O'Fallon street.

Mes. Aubuchon was born in St. Louis. mear what is now Second and Plum streets. bers Father De Andries. She sold the priests composing the Investigating | years and thinks that sitting up so much at state in the church, and of having seen a nary to give her testimony and the priests ter over the coffin. She was certain, she nan bands, but that it was one of the atural manifestations which had been ediately prior to the death of ankle, presided.

The Court of Inquiry in the canonization | Father De Andries, and after his death, be

years. She lives with her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Coring, and the latter's husband Margaret Coring, and the latter's husband, Francis Alexander Aubuchon, a Frenchman, has been dead for many years. She followed the occupation of nurse for many of having gone with her moth- night tending to the sick, injured her eyes.

Father D. S. Phelan, judge of the court, although still suffering from a sprained

## NO EFFORT BEING MADE TO END STEEL STRIKE.

Energy of Amalgamated Association Is Directed to Organizing the Men in Nonunion Mills-Trust Magnates Are Awaiting Developments-Labor Federation Promises Support.

### FINANCIAL LOSS IS NEARLY A HALF MILLION DOLLARS DAILY

PINANCIAL LOSS DUE TO GREAT STEEL STRIKE. . strike, according to conservative esvided as follows:

Wages of \$6,000 men

Pittsburg, Pa., July 17 .- "We have not heard from the other side at any time, in any w.y. or on any subject, since we parted at the Lincoln Hotel last Saturday."

This positive statement, made by Presi dent Shaffer of the Amalgamated Association this afternoon, disposes of the rumor from New York to-day that the strike had settled. Mr. Shaffer stated further that no actual negotiations were on be-tween President Bishop of the Ohio State Arbitration Committee and tending toward arbitration. A letter received by Mr. Shaffer from Mr. Bishop, asking if he would ent to a reopening of the conference has not been answered as yet.

Failed to Reopen a Mill. The principal events in the day's strike history were the failure of the sheet steel tion men; the offer of financial assistance, made to the Amalgamated Association by the 2,000,000 members of the ican Federation of Labor and by the American Window-Glass Workers' Association, the concerted action of the association to reorganise the immense steel plant at ergrift and the fact that several closed plants are being patrolled by armed watchen and guards.

satisfaction over the results accomed since the strike began, but officials of the companies, as heretofore, will say The only man on the companies side who has said anything up to date is F. Smith, district manager of the at Wellsville is being followed closely

Mituation at McKeesport. While Wellsville is the strike center now to hattle ground will be shifted to McKeeswest week, if the report be true that W. Dayess Wood plant of the American of Steel Company will resume opera-

A A I I tions. This would afford one of the mos trying situations of the strike. It would ne cessitate the importation of nonunion mer The daily loss of the three steel from other places and the bitter feeling encompanies and the men by the steel gendered by such a move would be hard to gendered by such a move would be hard to control

Nonunion Men Get More Pay.

At Monessen, Pa., about 500 men of the Companies:

American Tinplate Company....\$30,000 
steel hoop mill are out. Much pressure is erican Sheet Steel Company. 50,000 • being brought to bear on the 800 men of the rican Steel Hoop Company. 70,000 • tin-plate works, and it is now considered more than probable that they will refuse to quit. Notices were to-day posted in the tin mill granting a voluntary advance of 10 per cent to heaters and catchers and 8 per cent to the rollers.

The Monemen tin mill has a greater out put than any other mill in the combine, and all efforts will be made to keep it running Repeated efforts to organize the men in the

Federation of Labor Pledges Support National Organizer Thomas H. Flynn of the American Federation of Labor came to Pittsburg from Washington this morning and after a consultation with the officials of the Amalgamated Association pledged the support of the federation in the strike. In the interview, Mr. Flynn said the Fedthey could make an assessment when any of the organizations affiliated with them

were in need of assistance. Financial Result of the Strike.

According to figures compiled by the Pittsburg Dispatch, the steel strike is daily costing the three companies involved \$210,-000 and the workmen \$156,000. It is estimated that in the daily loss of nearly 22,000 boxes of tin-plate a day, the American Tin-Plate Company is daily losing 20,000, while the loss to the caming companies, unable to secure their material; is enormous in addition. Practically no stocks have been carried, and consumption has kept pace with the production for some little time past. About 700 tons of the 1,000 tons daily propany is being lost, and this represents a loss each day to the combine of at leas

### SENATOR VEST IS WELL.

Rumor That He Was Seriously III Proves Unfounded.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Sweet Springs, Mo., July 17.—The rumor to the effect that Senator George G. Vest is seriously ill at Sweet Springs was investigated to-day and proved groundless.

Benator Vest is not only well, but in good spirits and hearty. He is with relatives at the watering place and is standing the heat very wall.

## MRS. ZACH TINKER ROBBED OF JEWELS.

Thieves Entered Her Bathhouse, Near Asbury Park, and Stole \$2,000 Worth Valuables.

DIAMOND NECKLACE IS GONE.

St. Louis Woman Was Bathing in the Surf When the Theft Took Place.

SECOND LOSS IN TWO WEEKS.

Previous Loss Occasioned by Fire in Allenhurst Inn Soon After Tinker Family Arrived.

A special dispatch to The Republic last right from Asbury Park, N. J., announced that Mrs. Z. W. Tinker of this city was robbed of jewels aggregating in value nearly \$2,000. They were taken from a bathnouse at Allenhurst. Detectives from nearby places have been detailed on the case, and word has been telegraphed to the Chief of Police of New York. The Tinkers have been occupying the handsome Furman home at Deal, which is near Asbury Park. Loss in a Fire.

They went East on July 2 and located at Allenhurst. The party consisted of Mr. Tinker, his wife and daughter, an accom-plished young woman, who is well known in St. Louis society. They arrived at the Inn at 6 o'clock. Half an hour later a fire broke out in the hotel. While the Tinkers saved some of their goods, it is understood that they were heavy losers by the fire. Mrs. Tinker saved all her jewels. Among the most prized of these is a diamond neck-lace. After the fire the Tinkers sought temporary accommodations at the Curlaw, Allenhurst, where they remained for a few days. Later they rented the Furman cot-tage. This morning Mrs. Tinker came to Asbury Park, and after transacting some business started toward home. When she reached Allenhurst she went directly to the beach and engaged a bathhouse.

Left Jewels Behind. A place is provided for the safe-keeping of valuables, and Mrs. Tinker was aware of this fact. She thought they would be perfectly safe in the bathhouse, and did not take the pains to check them. At the suggestion of one of the attendants she left the key of the house above the door. Mrs. Tinker enjoyed herself in the surf.
When she returned to her bathhouse an when she returned to her bathhouse and looked for her jewels they were gone, the place having been opened while she was bathing. She dressed hastily and reported the case to the one in charge of the houses. A thorough search was instituted, but the jewels were gone. They consisted of a high-one diamond decklace and several diamond rings. The police were notified at once, but they have no clew.

## PIRIE SUSPECT IS CROSS-QUESTIONED

Mayor Reid of Ferguson Goes to Fort Madison, Ia., to See Otto Gerhard.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Fort Madison, Ia., July 17.-Mayor Fred Reid of Ferguson, Mo., arrived here to-day to make an effort to identify Otto Gerhard, who is under arrest here, suspected of kill ing Andrew J. Piris on June 29, at Fergu-

Mr. Reid said that the man answered very closely the description of the Pirie murder er. Together with local police officials he closely examined Gerhard this evening. Afterwards Mr. Reid telegraphed to Marshal Graf at Ferguson to walt for further instructions before applying for a warrant

against the prisoner. Gerhard told a circumstantial story to ccount for his whereabouts on and after he day of the killing. He declared that on June 29 he was at Murray, Ia. Mayor Reid will go to Murray to-morrow to ascertain whether this is true. If so, Gerhard will

be released at once. Otherwise the man will be taken back to Ferguson. Gerhard has a watch which answers the description of that taken by a highwayman from C. H. Ronsiek, a neighbor of Pirie who was robbed the same evening that Pirie

Gerhard admits that he has worked very little in the last year. He says he was last regularly employed at the Knapp-Stout Company's yards. He was discharged, he says, for fighting with a fellow-

He says that he has a wife living in St Louis. He admits that he was under arrest at the Fourth District Police Station in St. Louis last April on a charge of wife-beating, but says he was not prosecuted, Gerhard asserts positively that he left St. Louis June 13, being sent by a labor agency to Murray to work for J. P. Shorthall, a

railroad contractor. He went to Burlington

got drunk, came here Friday, was arrested on a charge of vagrancy and sentenced Mon-Mrs. Otto Gerhard, who lives at No. 1409 South Second street, said last night that the description of her husband, Otto Gerhard, who left home June 27, tallies closely with that furnished by the officers at Fort Madison, Ia., of the Otto Gerhard suspected

Mrs. Gerhard said that her husband, after three days' illness, departed, in company with a man called John, with the explanation that he was going to St. Louis County to look for work. Since June 27, the day of his departure, Mrs. Gerhard said, she ha

### CLASSES HYMNS AS DOGGEREL

Chicago University Professor Criticises Church Songs and Literature. Chicago, July 17.—Professor Oscar L. Triggs of the Chicago University, who some time ago compared John D. Rockefeller to William Shakespeare, to-day informed his class in English literature at the university that the hymns of the Protestant churches are doggered and that dime novels are literature when compared to Sunday-school books.

"There is much sons and hymn but no

Sunday-school books.

"There is much song and hymn, but no poetry," said Professor Triggs. "The great bulk of church hymns is mere doggerel, pure and simple. Take Watts, for example. "In the same connection can be named the Sunday-school books. The dime novel is preferable to the average Sunday-school story, because the dime novel may become interature, while the Sunday-school book never can hope to be."



Photograph by Strauss

MISS MARY L. FOSBURG, Who was killed at Pittsfield, Mass., and whose murder has precipitated one of the most complicated and mysterious cases in the criminal

### **GENERAL INTEREST** IN FOSBURG TRIAL.

Be by Ticket-Ruling Against Newspapers.

mony Will Be Permitted-The Defendant Pleads Not Guilty.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Pittsfield, Mass., July 17 .- Most unexpectedly to himself, as well as to the public, Robert Stewart Fosburg was to-day called ters of the Democratic party will be rebefore Judge Stevens to plead to the indict-ment charging him with manslaughter, causing the death of his sister, May. The move has been under consideration

the plans of Judge Stevens are carried through, a jury will be obtained, so that the taking of testimony may begin on Fri-day. Only two challenges are permitted each side in a case of this sort in Massa-chusetts, and Judge Stevens has the reputation of making it impossible for counsel to long delay in choosing jurors.

is as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Berkshire, sa.;
At the Superior Court, begun and holding at Pittsfield, within and for the County of Berkshire, on the second Monday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one. The jurors for said commonwealth on their path present that Robert Stewart Fosburg of Pittsfield, in the County of Berkshire, aforesaid, on the twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, at Pittsfield aforesaid, in the County of Berkshire aforesaid, did assault, shoot and beat May L. Fusburg and by such assault, shooting and beating did kill the said May L. Fusburg. A true bill.

GEORGE W. HAFF, Foreman.

Strong Effort to Be Made to Comvlet.

That the State is going to make a tre-

The indictment against Robert Fosburs

That the State is going to make a tre-mendous effort to convict Fosburg is made apparent by the presence in the case as special prosecutor of John C. Crosby, one of the ablest criminal lawyers in the State An effort was made to have Mr. Crosby excluded, but, after listening to argur day, Judge Stevens decided that the State might avail itself of his services. This de-cision, Judge Stevens explained, was ar-rived at because of the fact that District Attorney Gordner is too ill to appear, an District Attorney Hammond is not fully

conversant with the case. Interest in this case has attracted to Pittefield friends of the Fosburg family from as far west as St. Louis and from Buffalo. There are no fewer than fifty who will remain here until the fate of the young defendant is settled. So many applications ave been made for seats in the courtrop that it has been found necessary to order that admission shall be by ticket.

The town is full of newspaper men, many of whom found themselves excluded from he courtroom because an arbitrary limit because of the prejudice of local officials gainst those newspapers that have refused accept Chief of Police Nicholson at the

to accept Chief of Police Nicholson at the valuation placed on him here.

The attitude of Judge Stevens toward the newspapers or as to what latitude the newspapers will be given in discussing or reporting the Fosburg case, has been defined by him, it being, in effect, that the newspapers will not be permitted to do more than report the exact happenings in the courtroom.

If a witness is produced and placed on

If a witness is produced and placed o the stand the papers cannot say that the witness was placed there presumably to show that the Fosburg family were at beace with each other at all times; on the

### QUARRELED OVER A BERTH.

Tragedy on Board a Vessel-Pearl Buyer Held for Murder.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Hoxle, Ark., July 17.—Mike Grant of Black Rock, a pearl hunter in Black River, and Nat Phillips, a bearl buyer of Smithville, Tenn., became involved last night in a dis-pute on a boat, which resulted in the killing of Grant.

Phillips remained on the boat and surof Grant.

Phillips remained on the boat and surrendered to the Sheriff. Phillips was held
by the Coroner on the charge of murder
in the second degree.

### HETTY GREEN SCALED FENCE. Evaded Camera Fiend by Wonderful Display of Agility.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bellows Falls, Vt., July 17.—Mrs. Hetty Green of New York, who with her husband and daughter are spending the summer here, to-day ran from her porch to the back yard, where she climbed over an sight-foot fence with surprising agility to evade a smen with a camera.

## HEADQUARTERS TO BE MOVED FROM CHICAGO.

Admission to the Courtroom Will Report That National Democratic Committee Will Establish Itself in Washington Soon.

Work at the Capital, It Is Believed, Especially While Congress Is in Session.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Washington, July 17.-It is announced on good authority that the national headquar-

attorney, Mr. Joyner, and entered a plea of decided that the National Committee can not guilty. It was then announced that the do more effective work at the seat of Govcase would be taken up to-morrow, and, if ernment, especially when Congress is in

The presence of Chairman Jones in Wash ington during sessions of Consress is im-perative, owing to his prominence in the Senate and his membership in several of its more important committees.

It has been planned to wage an aggressive

congressional campaign, in view of which the machinery of the National Committee will be employed in taking note of the acgreat many public men and leaders are a accessible. It is not announced yet who will be in charge of the headquarters, and it may not be until the change is made.

### QUAINT GUSTOMS AT KING'S CORONATION

Nobility Filing Claims for Privilege of Performing Services at the Function.

SPECIAL BY CABLE. London, July 17.-The members of th Privy Council sat as a court of claims to day to consider various hereditary traditional rights and privileges claimed in connection with the forthcoming coronation of the King. A long list of quaint demands was presented.

After the Registrar had commanded all persons to keep silence on penalty of prisonment, he read thirty or forty de The Duke of Norfolk-To act as chief but

ler of the King. The Duke of Newcastle-To provide glove and to support the King's arm. The Bishop of Dunham-To support the King and Queen.

The Duke of Somerset-To carry the orb. The Earl of Erroll-To have the silver tipped with gold.

Dean of Westminster—To instruct the King and Queen in the rights and cer emonies, and to have the cloth, etc., fo

lees. Lord Grey DeRuthyn-To carry the golden Colonel Brown-To bear the canony over the King and Queen.
The Earl of Shrewsbury-To provide the glove for the King's right hand, and sup-port the hand while holding the scepter. Sir Wyndham Anstruther—To be grand

The Duke of Buccleuch-To ride by his Majesty's carriage.
The Marquis of Winchester-To carry the cap of maintenance.

The Lord Chancellor announced that claims must be presented by October and the court then adjourned

### GEN. DAN'L BUTTERFIELD DEAD.

He Wished That He Might Be Buried at West Point.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Newburgh, N. Y., July 17.-In his hand some country residence at Cold Spring, overlooking the Hudson, directly opposite West Point, General Daniel Butterfield passed away at a quarter after 8 o'clock to-night. The great veteran had made a long and hard fight against death, and this last battle could only have one termination. His family physician for years. Doctor George W. Murdock of Cold Spring, was at his bedside, as was his aged wife, who for six weeks watched faithfully over the

### INCREASED CLOUDINESS AND SHOWERS ARE INDICATED.

Drought Soon May Be Broken in Vicinity of St. Louis-Light Fall of Rain Reported Throughout the West-Barometric Conditions Remain Unchanged-Rains General in the East.

Observer in Charge of Government Weather Bureau The prospects for rain to-day locally are about the same as yesterday. A little wind flurry yesterday afternoon was followed by a few drops of rain and an ain instantaneous drop in temperature. At 10 o'clock last night we noted another slight trace. The indications point to increased cloudiness to-day and a promise of showers,

though at the best these will be light, if they materialize at all. At 2:30 yesterday

afternoon the thermometer had risen to 100, and after the flurry dropped to 39. Last

night the air was very warm and there was little movement of the atmosphere preceding the few drops that fell in the evening. The barometric conditions over the country are but little changed to-day. True, we have "highs" and "lows" marked at different places, but the difference of pressure between these is but slight; It is what is called a period of "stable equilibrium."

The West is dry and the atmosphere carries but little moisture. In addition, there is not enough difference between the barometric areas to cause much circulation of air. For this reason we have but little precipitation, excepting local showers, in which the rainfall is almost inappreciable. We are in a sort of beit, or trough, of storm area which extends from the extreme Southwest to the Great Lakes. A slight "high" developed yesterday in the Dakotas, bringing some rain and pushing a "low," which yesterday rested in Western Kan-

sas, over to lowa. The strength of this "high," however, will be counterbalanced by a low barometer in the extreme Northwest and another in the Southwest.

The heaviest rain reported yesterday by the Weather Bureau was at Rapid City. S. D. Rains fell at several points in Missouri. At Springfield .22 of an inch was re-

ported. The temperature at Kansas City yesterday went no higher than 100, the lowest maximum in many days, and .30 of an inch of rain fell there. The following are some of the points in the East reporting rain and the

precipitation: New York .48 of an inch; Philadelphia, .48; New Orleans, .60; Little Rock. .01; Nashville, .28; Chattanooga, .34; Indianapolis, .68, and still raining at To'clock last night; Cincinnati, .14, and Santa Fe. .01. The following points reported traces of showers: Chicago, Dubuque, Davenport, Springfield, Ill., and Havre, S. D.
I think we may expect showers from time to time and, perhaps, heavy enough west of us to redeem the crops. Meanwhile the high temperature shows no signs of

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## JAMES E, YEATMAN DIED A POOR MAN.

His Will, Filed for Probate Yesterday, Shows an Estate Valued at Only \$500.

### COMMENTS ARE PROHIBITED. ADVANTAGES OF THE TRANSFER. BEQUESTS FEW AND SIMPLE.

Only Verbatim Reports of Testi- Members Can Do More Effective His Fortune Was Distributed in Unostentatious Charities While He Was Alive-Inventory of Personal Property.

> terday of the will of James E. Yeatman, the philanthropist, who died last week at Mullanphy Hospital, strongly illustrate the character of the man.

tration of the principle advocated by Andrew Carnegie that a rich man should strive to die poor. Mr. Teatman, although at one time possessed of a large fortune, died comparatively poor man. His estate consists, according to the statement of one of the executors of his will, of \$500, a library, some furniture, statuary and ornaments. So quietly did he perform his acts of charity that few, except his intimate friends, knew that his fortune was nearly

all gone when he died. It was thought by some that he was possessed of at least \$50,-000 worth of property.

The manner in which he gauged the amount necessary for his main his latter years is a striking incident in his career. His will was executed August 31, 1809. His estate consisted then, acco ing to a memorandum found with the will, of stock valued at about \$2,500. Allen C. Orrick, who filed the will for probate, stated that the stock had been cashed, and that

Mr. Yeatman had been living off the pro-

ceeds, of which all but \$500 had been spent. Legacies Amount to \$3,500. The will contains legacies amounting to 23,500, indicating that Mr. Yeatman, while evidently calculating that the proceeds of the stock would last him while he lived, made provision for the distribution of the should he die at an early date. It money should he die at an early untion when he drew the will that he would

not live many years. The will recites that he left to Mrs Penelope A. Orrick a joint note of John C. Orrick and Penelope A. Orrick for \$500 with interest; \$500 to the Bellefontaine Cemetery Association, the interest to be use in keeping his lot in order; \$500 to his slater Emma Y. Player; \$1,500 to his son, Nathan iel Pope Yeatman, or should he be dead, to his widow, Margaret, or should both be dead, to testator's granddaughters, Sadie and Penelope Yeatman, and \$1,000 to his daughter, Angelica C. Carr. The will states that he had given his daughter Angelica a farm.

Furniture Left to Mrs. Allen. To his sister, Mrs. Penelope Allen, he left the furniture and mirrors in the residence of Mrs. Allen, now occupied by the family of Isanc H. Sturgeon, at Mrs. Allen's death to go to Mrs. Ann Sturgeon, excepting a mar-

ble statue of Venus, which is to be given to the Crow Museum. To Penelope C. Orrick he left paintings books, etc., at the house of Mr. Orrick, excepting two bronze figures of walking and leeping fawns, by Harriet Hosmer, which go to testator's sisters, Jennie Bell and Ant Comegys of Chester Hill Pa.

Allen to Mrs. Allen, to be given at her death to the Washington University. The will provides that in case of a plus, it be used to buy mementoes for his granddaughters, Sadle and Penelope Allen Yeatman, Christine and Florence K, Orrick and Penelope Clara and Lucretia Stur-

He left his library at the residence of Mrs

He left his watch to his grandson, Yeat man Carr, and directed that Ellen C. Clark and Carrie Campbell, nieces by adoption, be allowed the selection of a book from his library. George R. Lockwood and Allen C. Orrick are ramed executors. The will was wit nessed by J. B. Gazzam and Beverly Allen

### BEAR VISITS ARKANSAS TOWN Bruin Gets a Hot Reception From a Pack of Dogs.

ment was occasioned in the western suburbs of town late yesterday evening by the appearance of a wild bear, which was chased away by a pack of fogs. This is the first bear seen so close to town in many years. To-night no funeral arrangements had been decided upon. He wished to be buried in the cemetery at West Point, and had obtained permission for his interment there.

# LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT

:8 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:3 WEATHER INDICATIONS.

bly cloudy to-day and Friday; contin-For Missouri-Partly cloudy Thursday, with thunderstorms in southern

For St. Louis and Vicinity-Proba-

For Illinois - Local thunderstors Thursday; cooler in northern and or tral portions. Friday, fair; probab warmer in central portion; variab

For Arkanene Partly cloudy Thursday; probably local thunderstoraid not so warm in eastern portion. Friday, probably warmer; winds.

1. No Effort Being Made to End Strike. Mrs. Tinker Robbed of Her Jewels. General Interest in Fosburg Trief. Democratic Headquarters to Be Mo James E. Yeatman Died Poor.

2. Progress in World's Pair Work. Grief Hastened His Death. St. Louisan Will Lead Scouts

3. Rains Becoming General in Misso Lightning Claims Several Victims Corn Market Builed by Unbellevers Japan Withdraws Her Just Demands.

Quarreled About the War. General Corbin's Mission in Manile

Marshall Narrowly Escaped Destruction, Italy Investigates Mississippi Affray. St. Louis Girl May Go On the Stage. Personal Notes About St. Louisans.

Death of Detective Skidm The Railroads Wants to Enlarge Preside Republic Want Advertisements.

Record of Births, Marriages, Deaths. New Corporations. . Republic Want and Real Estate Adver-

10. Grain and Other Markets.

11. Financial News.

Girls Chase a Purse Snatcher. News From the East Side.

### COAL MINES CLOSED DOWN.

Operations in Lackawanna Valley Stopped by Firemen's Strike. Scranton, Pa., July 17.—There was an almost complete cessation of mining operations to-day in the Luckawanna Valley locause of the strike of stationary fromes.

The mines that are idle involve 5,600 workmen, the greater part of whom are in and Forest City. The Eric Railroad Com-

Every Ontario and Western Ra mine, employing 7,000 men, in the Lacks-wanna region is idle. With the pursue bille the flooding of most of the mines is threatened, involving a destruction of property that will be enormous. The same con-dition prevails at the Eric Railroad Conpany's Mayfield breaker. At the Keyston Mine of the Eric company the brea-boys refused to work and made an atte on the fireroom, where it was reperted nonunion men were at work.

### COMMITTEE INDORSES SEIBERT. Will Ask That He Be Permanent

Excise Commissioner.

The Democratic City Central Committee met last night to indorse James M. Selbert for permanent appointment to the position of Excise Commissioner in St. Louis. At that meeting Barney Taaffe, the only remaining candidates for the position, asnounced the formal withdrawal of his candidacy and avowed his support of Selbert for the place. A strong delegation, comprising members of the the committee and Barney Taaffe, will visit Jefferson City today to explain the situation to Governor Dockery and to urge him to make Selbert's appointment permanent.

Auditor Selbert was appointed temporarily to the place soon after Governor Dockery took charse of his office. Much pressure has been brought to bear on the Governor line that time to induce him to appoint Selbert permanently. Governor Dockery imprefused up to the present, declaring that he had promised home rule to all communities in Missouri.

With the cordial indorsament of Selbert Excise Commissioner.